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1. On 30 June 1951, the camp in the woods north of Polte, in the Tangerhuetten (M 53/Y 73) training area, was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops who wore black epaulets. Troops with red epaulets were no longer noticed at the camp. About 15 trucks were parked in the camp area. A new athletic field was under construction along the west side of the camp while the old field on the east side of the camp was enlarged eastwards by about 200 meters. The obstacle courses have been reconditioned and improved. About 120 trucks and 11 amphibious cars were parked on the meadows along the Elbe River. About 60 pontoons were tied up along the river bank. Special trucks were available for hauling these pontoons. In addition, three large piles of boards and beams, and one motorboat, about 8 meters long, were observed on the river bank. No engineer training was conducted, but several groups of up to 20 soldiers, apparently recruits, were seen receiving basic training. The training site was recently enclosed by a single-strand wire fence.

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2. Pontoons at the Tangerhuetten freight yard were picked up by special trucks

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* Comment. [redacted] the camp as quartering components of the 15th Gds Engr Bn or the unidentified Engr Regt, possibly the 19th, of the Third Shock Army and elements of the bridge construction unit, probably of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. [redacted] the present report mentions for the first time vehicle [redacted] of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GOFU from Hosslau. The pontoons which, according to a rough sketch that was not forwarded, were of model N2P, are standard equipment of such a regiment. The present report confirms information received [redacted] stating that the 36th Pon Bridge Regt left for an undetermined training site in the middle of May 1951.

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